

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 137 - SB 1417**

March 11, 2004

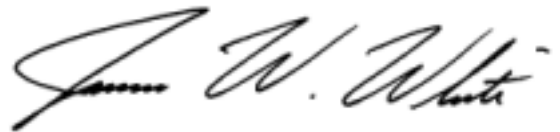
**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Provides that if, after a hearing, the court finds that the petition filed for an order of protection was frivolous, that it was filed for the purpose of harassment of the respondent, or that the allegations had no reasonable basis in law or in fact, the court may impose sanctions upon the petitioner. Sanctions would include attorney's fees, loss of wages, any applicable bond premiums, or expenses reasonably incurred by the respondent.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**MINIMAL**

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director